

## This Week in Washington

### Highlights of this week's accomplishments in the House of Representatives

**H. Res. 557** - Relating to the liberation of the Iraqi People and the valiant service of the United States Armed Forces and Coalition Forces

**H.R. 1375** - Financial Services Regulatory Relief Act, providing regulatory relief and improving productivity for insured depository institutions

### Statement on Iraq Resolution 557

"Americans must not forget that we are still in the middle of a war - one that's going to continue to be at the forefront of our minds and in our hearts," said Rep. Pombo. "If the terrorist attack in Spain last week doesn't prove that, I don't know what will."

"We've got to continue to follow through on the promises we've made to the Iraqi people and to the families of victims of terrorism," said Rep. Pombo. "I thank the U.S. Military and Coalition Forces for their dedication and sacrifice, and commend the Iraqi people for their courage."

### Important Dates to Remember

- Sixteenth Anniversary of Saddam Hussein's mass murder of the Iraqi Kurds
- One year Anniversary of the Department of Homeland Security
- One year since U.S. soldiers liberated Iraq and restored freedom for Iraqi citizens

### What Does the New Medicare Drug Benefit Mean for You?

**New changes boost Medicare into the 21st Century where it belongs!**

- Immediate savings through prescription drug discount card
- Universally available prescription drug benefit
- Assistance for low-income seniors
- Preventive care & disease management
- Health savings accounts

Please visit the **Drug Calculator** where you can estimate your out-of-pocket costs and savings at <http://www.gop.gov/medicare/gopdrugcalc.htm>

### Summer Internships in Pombo's Washington D.C. and District Offices

The office of Rep. Richard Pombo (R-CA) is seeking hard working interns in his personal Washington office to begin immediately. An ideal candidate is available from 9am - 6pm Mon, Wed, and Thurs. Resumes should be sent to: Michael.DeFilippis@mail.house.gov. For District Office internships, please send your resumes to: Nicole.Goehring@mail.house.gov.

**The California Student Aid Commission introduces California's new Chafee Grant Program** which provides federally funded grants of up to \$5,000 annually to qualified foster youth and former foster youth to use for college courses or vocational school training. Applications are available on-line at [www.csac.ca.gov](http://www.csac.ca.gov) under the "Commission Programs" link. To qualify, students must also submit a completed 2003-04 Free Application for Federal Student Aid (FAFSA) available on-line at [www.fafsa.ed.gov](http://www.fafsa.ed.gov).

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### Support Our Troops Rally

The American Legion is hosting a rally to support our troops on Saturday, March 20, 2004 from 10a.m. to 3p.m. at the Martin Luther King Plaza, located across from the Stockton Civic Auditorium. For more information, call Tino at 209-969-0944.

### IRAQ FACT OF THE WEEK: HEALTH CARE FOR IRAQ'S CHILDREN

Since the liberation of Iraq, 70% of Iraq's 4.3 million children under the age of five have been vaccinated against diseases including polio, tetanus, diphtheria, measles, and tuberculosis. The Ministry of Health is also conducting monthly vaccine days to reach additional children. Access to better health care has helped prevent disease outbreaks and is improving the well-being of children across Iraq.

*Source: U.S. Agency for International Development*

*For more info. on the work Rep. Pombo is doing for California, visit: [www.pombo.house.gov](http://www.pombo.house.gov)*